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SUBJECT: CONVENTION ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR
MATERIALS

REF: (A) VIENNA 7965, (B) BUENOS AIRES 6638,
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1. CONTENTS OF REFTEL (C) WAS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION
OF SECRETARIO MATAS, DISARMAMENT AND NUCLEAR AFFAIRS,
MFA. (AMB. ORTIZ DE ROSAS IS IN GENEVA.) MATAS
INDICATED HE WAS TO WRITE A TELEGRAM TO
ESTRADA IN VIENNA CONCERNING ARGENTINA'S POSITION
RELATIVE TO CONVENTION ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF
NUCLEAR MATERIALS. HE INDICATED HE HAD DISCUSSED
THIS ON SEVERAL OCCASSIONS WITH JORGE COLL AND
ADMIRAL CASTRO MADERO, CNEA, AND GOA STILL FEELS THAT
TRANSPORTATION OF MILITARY NUCLEAR MATERIALS SHOULD
BE INCLUDED IN CONVENTION ON SAME BASIS AS CIVILIAN
MATERIAL. HE REFERRED TO ARGENTINE POLICY ON THE
NPT AND STATED GOA FEELS THAT BY NOT INCLUDING
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MILITARY MATERIAL TRANSPORTATION IN THIS CONVENTION
WAS ALONG THE SAME LINES AS NPT, I.E. DISCRIMINATORY.

2. SCICOUNS REEMPHASIZED AS EARLIER WITH CNEA
THAT US, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A RAPID CONSENSUS OF
GROUP, WOULD BE WILLING TO DELETE ARTICLE 3 AND
LIMIT CONVENTION TO INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION.

IN ADDITION, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO INCLUDE IN
PREAMBULARY PARAGRAPH WORDING TO THE EFFECT THAT
"STRINGENT PHYSICAL PROTECTION MEASURES ARE
ALREADY BEING APPLIED TO NUCLEAR MATERIAL USED FOR
MILITARY PURPOSES" ETC.

3. MATAS SAID HE WOULD TALK AGAIN TO CASTRO MADERO
OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTING THIS APPROACH. HE
INDICATED THAT FONMIN AND CNEA DID NOT ALWAYS SEE
EYE TO EYE ON NUCLEAR MATTERS AND CNEA HAD "DIRECT
LINE" TO THE PRESIDENCY. HOWEVER, HE FELT IN
FUTURE THERE WOULD BE MORE FONMIN COORDINATION WITH
CNEA ON THESE MATTERS AND MENTIONED THAT
AMB. ORTIZ DE ROZAS WAS WORKING TOWARD THESE ENDS.

4. COMMENTS: MATAS IS SENDING FINAL INSTRUCTIONS
TO ESTRADA TODAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6. AUSTRALIAN
EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE TOLD SCICOUNS HE HAD ALSO
VISITED MATAS TO DISCUSS THE SAME POSITION.
CASTRO

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